to avail credit to the tune of Rs. 99 crores for conducting MSP/ Commercial operations. Apart from its 171 centers, the JCI also makes arrangements with Co-operative Societies to procure raw jute to help the jute growers.

Setting up a separate yarn depot at Sircilla

435. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to ensure timely supply of cone yarn for the powerloom weavers at Sircilla, the National Textile Corporation has agreed to set up a separate yarn depot at Sircilla;

(b) whether it has been proposed that the yarn will be supplied to weavers at the gate price;

(c) whether the technical team of NTC visited Sircilla to identify suitable premises to locate the yarn depot;

(d) whether Government have also agreed for concession in sales tax on the yarn to be supplied through NTC depot; and

(e) by when this depot is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) Yes Sir, as a special case, NTC has set up a separate yarn depot at Sircilla.

(b) The yarn is being supplied to the weavers at Depot price.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) State Government has agreed in principle to grant exemption of Sales Tax.

(e) The depot has already started functioning w.e.f. 1.6.2001.